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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- POLL OPENING TIMES

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, and Kettle

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-18-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-18 entitled "Elective
2 Meetings" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-18-10. Time of opening of polls. --** (a) Elective meetings in the cities and towns
4 named in this section shall be opened for the purpose of voting at the hours specified for each
5 particular city or town as designated in the specific time as follows:

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| 6 | (1) Barrington | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 7 | (2) Bristol | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 8 | (3) Burrillville | Polls open at 7 a.m. for the biennial general election |
| 9 | | and 9 a.m. for all other elections |
| 10 | (4) Central Falls | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 11 | (5) Charlestown | Polls open at 7 a.m. for the biennial general election |
| 12 | | and 9 a.m. for all other elections |
| 13 | (6) Coventry | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 14 | (7) Cranston | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 15 | (8) Cumberland | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 16 | (9) East Greenwich | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 17 | (10) East Providence | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 18 | (11) Exeter | Polls open at 7 a.m. |
| 19 | (12) Foster | Polls open at 7 a.m. |

1	(13) Gloucester	Polls open at 7 a.m.
2	(14) Hopkinton	Polls open at 7 a.m.
3	(15) Jamestown	Polls open at 7 a.m. for the biennial general election
4		and 8 a.m. for all other elections
5	(16) Johnston	Polls open at 7 a.m.
6	(17) Lincoln	Polls open at 7:00 a.m.
7	(18) Little Compton	Polls open at 7 a.m.
8	(19) Middletown	Polls open at 7 a.m. and 7 a.m. for Presidential Elections only
9	(20) Narragansett	Polls open at 7 a.m.
10	(21) Newport	Polls open at 7 a.m.
11	(22) New Shoreham	Polls open at 9 a.m.
12	(23) North Kingstown	Polls open at 7 a.m.
13	(24) North Providence	Polls open at 7 a.m.
14	(25) North Smithfield	Polls open at 7 a.m.
15	(26) Pawtucket	Polls open at 7 a.m.
16	(27) Portsmouth	Polls open at 7 a.m.
17	(28) Providence	Polls open at 7 a.m.
18	(29) Richmond	Polls open at 7 a.m.
19	(30) Scituate	Polls open at 7 a.m.
20	(31) Smithfield	Polls open at 7 a.m.
21	(32) South Kingstown	Polls open at 7 a.m.
22	(33) Tiverton	Polls open at 7 a.m.
23	(34) Warren	Polls open at 7 a.m.
24	(35) Warwick	Polls open at 7 a.m.
25	(36) Westerly	Polls open at 7 a.m.
26	(37) West Greenwich	Polls open at 7 a.m.
27	(38) West Warwick	Polls open at 7 a.m.
28	(39) Woonsocket	Polls open at 7 a.m.

29 (b) In all special or primary elections in the towns of Hopkinton, Westerly, ~~Richmond,~~
30 and Little Compton, polls shall open at 9:00 a.m.

31 (c) In all presidential preference primaries in the town of New Shoreham, polls shall
32 open at 12:00 p.m.

33 (d) In all primary elections in all cities and towns, polls may open at 7:00 a.m.

34 Notice shall be given and posted by the local board.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would remove the exemption that the town of Richmond had received, which
- 2 allowed its polls to open at 9 a.m., rather than 7 a.m., for special and primary elections.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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